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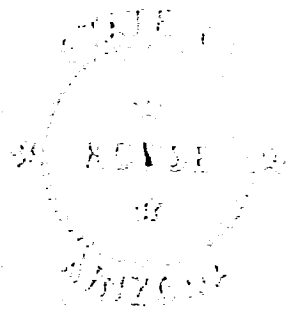
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HOUSE MEMORIAL 2003

A MEMORIAL

URGING THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENDORSE AND OBTAIN
OBSERVER STATUS FOR TAIWAN AT THE SUMMIT OF THE WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY.

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1 To the President and Congress of the United States:

2 Your memorialist respectfully represents:

3 Whereas, good health is important to every citizen of the world and
4 access to the highest standards of health information and services is
5 necessary to improve the public health; and

6 Whereas, direct and unobstructed participation in international health
7 cooperation forums and programs is beneficial for all parts of the world,
8 especially with today's greater potential for the cross-border spread of
9 various infectious diseases such as the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV),
10 tuberculosis and malaria; and

11 Whereas, Taiwan's population of more than 23 million people is larger
12 than that of three-quarters of the member states already in the World Health
13 Organization (WHO); and

14 Whereas, Taiwan's achievements in the field of health are substantial,
15 including one of the highest life expectancy levels in Asia, maternal and
16 infant mortality rates comparable to those of western countries, eradication
17 of such infectious diseases as cholera, smallpox and the plague and being the
18 first country in Asia to eradicate polio and provide children with hepatitis
19 B vaccinations; and

20 Whereas, the United States Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
21 and its Taiwan counterpart agencies have enjoyed close collaboration on a
22 wide range of public health issues; and

23 Whereas, in recent years Taiwan has expressed a willingness to assist
24 financially and technically in international aid and health activities; and

25 Whereas, the World Health Assembly has allowed observers to participate
26 in the activities of the organization, including the Palestine Liberation
27 Organization in 1974, the Order of Malta and the Holy See in the early 1950s;
28 and

29 Whereas, the United States, in the 1994 Taiwan Policy Review, declared
30 its intention to support Taiwan's participation in appropriate international
31 organizations; and

32 Whereas, in light of all the benefits that Taiwan's participation in
33 the WHO can bring to the state of health not only in Taiwan but also
34 regionally and globally, Taiwan and its 23 million people should have
35 appropriate and meaningful participation in the WHO.

36 Wherefore your memorialist, the House of Representatives of the State of
37 Arizona, prays:

38 1. That the President and Congress of the United States take action to
39 endorse and obtain observer status for Taiwan at the annual week-long summit
40 of the World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland.

41 2. That the Secretary of State of the State of Arizona transmit copies
42 of this Memorial to each Member of Congress from the State of Arizona.

~~PASSED BY THE HOUSE APRIL 20, 2005.~~

~~FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE APRIL 20, 2005.~~

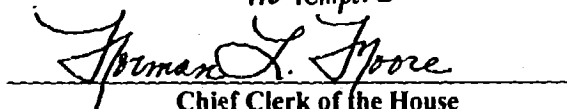
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by the following vote: 60 Ayes

0 Nays, 0 Not Voting



Speaker of the House
Pro Tempore



Chief Clerk of the House

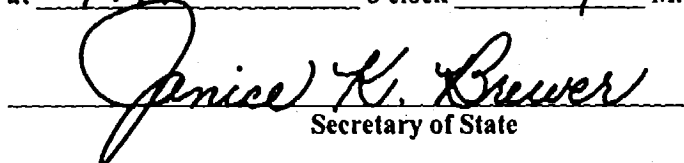
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ARIZONA
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This memorial was received by the Secretary of State

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this 20 day of April, 20 05

at 4:41 o'clock P. M.


Secretary of State